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UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Sir, William Dawson,  
McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada,

My dear Sir, —

Would you be kind  
enough to give me the date and reference  
to the publication in which you first  
used the <sup>generic</sup> name *Archaeopteris*? I find  
it on p. 48 of "The Fossil Plants of the Dev. and  
Silurian form. of Canada" (1871); but have not  
yet found it in an earlier publication.

Miller in "N. Am. Geol. & Pal." p. 106, says:

*Archaeopteris*, Dawson 1863, Can. Nat. vol. 8; and  
Robert Etheridge jun. in "Cat. of Aust. Fossils" on  
p. 29 makes the same statement.

I am aware that, in your paper on the "Flora  
of the Dev. per. in N.-E. America" (1862) p. 319, it  
is stated that *Cyclopteris Halliana*, *C. Jacksoni*,  
*C. obliqua*, and *C. Hibernica* are probably gener-  
ically distinct from *Cyclopteris*. But, I did

not find the genus *Archaeopteria* proposed  
for them in Vol. 8 of The Can. Nat., as stated  
by Messrs. Miller and Etheridge.

Trusting that this request will not  
cost you to any inconvenience, I am  
very respectfully yours,  
Charles S. Prosser.

Prosser  
Archaeopteria  
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